

to ensure that Medicare managed care health plans contribute to the cost of graduate medical education at teaching and research hospitals. This law carves out a portion of the Adjusted Average Per Capita Cost (AAPCC) payment to Medicare managed care plans and transfers this funding directly to teaching hospitals to help pay the costs of graduate medical education. This law provides \$5 billion for physician medical education over five years. However, the law did not require Medicare managed care health plans to provide similar funding for nursing and allied health professional programs. My legislation would correct this omission by extending the provisions of the Balanced Budget Act to require Medicare managed care plans to contribute a portion of their AAPCC payment to teaching institutions which provide nursing and allied health professional education. All health care consumers, including those in Medicare managed care plans, benefit from this training and should contribute equally towards this goal.

Our nation's medical education programs are the best in the world. Maintaining this excellence requires continued investment by the federal government. Our teaching hospitals need and deserve the resources to meet the challenge of our aging population and our changing health care marketplace. This legislation would ensure that our nation continues to have the health care professionals we need to provide quality health care services in the future.

I also believe that this legislation is fiscally responsible. This legislation has no budgetary impact, because a portion of the payment to managed care plans would simply be shifted to these teaching institutions.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort to provide guaranteed funding for nursing and allied health professional education.

#### PUT PARTISANSHIP ASIDE

### HON. KAREN MCCARTHY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Ms. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stress the importance of the work that this Congress needs to complete before we adjourn. We will be making a momentous decision today, and each one of us must reflect carefully on that decision. However, we also have several critical issues still facing us, and we must focus on these concerns and fulfill our responsibility to the American people.

We must pass a budget. Tomorrow marks the last day of the continuing resolution signed by the President. We are facing the threat of a government shutdown. As we all know, a government shutdown means no veteran benefits, Social Security benefits, or student loan funds.

The American people deserve access to excellent and affordable health care. If people do not have good medical care, they may suffer severe consequences, and sometimes, even death. I urge the House leadership to work with my Democratic colleagues to find a solution to the managed care dilemma.

We must protect Social Security first and ensure the financial security of our retirees now and into the future. We must resist the temptation to use Social Security funds for

anything but the long-term solvency of this important, successful, and needed program.

Again, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to put partisanship aside and work together to complete the work that we have to do. The American people elected us to this body to serve in their best interest and uphold the principles of democracy. Let us break down the wall that exists in the aisle of this hall and work together to address the issues before us.

#### IN HONOR OF MAJOR THOMAS CARR

### HON. PHIL ENGLISH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness and a deep sense of pride, that I rise today to honor Major Thomas Carr, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania. Major Carr lost his life on September 12, 1998, during an Air Force attack training mission when his F-16D jet went down over the Avon Bombing Range in Florida.

Major Thomas Carr, 37, a United States Air Force Reservist, set a positive example for all of us. As his Meritorious Service Medal Citation states, "He sacrificed his life in the defense of his nation, and in the name of freedom." Major Carr, a widely respected officer, set high standards and inspired those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Major Carr developed his love of flying as a child at his first Erie Air Show. As an Air Force aviator, he understood and accepted the risks associated with flying planes. Living life to the fullest, he moved effortlessly from riding a dirt bike and waterskiing to flying F-16D jets for the Air Force.

Major Carr had over 12 years of Air Force service—eight years of active duty and four years of reserve duty. In his military career, he had been stationed in Korea, the Persian Gulf, Italy, Iraq, and Bosnia, flying several missions around the world. In fact, earlier this year, he had flown missions over Iraq during Operation Northern Watch.

Major Thomas Carr received numerous awards for his performance as a pilot from the Air Force. Major Carr was awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal, which was presented to his family posthumously. He was best described as "the epitome of a fighter pilot." Mr. Speaker, I have enclosed the citation that accompanied this award and ask that it be inserted in the RECORD.

Major Carr was a 1979 Erie Tech Memorial High School graduate. He graduated from Clemson University with a degree in electrical engineering in 1984. He was a graduate of the Air Force's elite Fighter Weapons School. He was also a pilot for American Airlines based out of Miami, Florida.

Major Carr is survived by his wife, Karen; sister Kathy Rozantz; and his parents, Tom and June Carr of Erie, Pennsylvania. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Major Carr's family and friends.

CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL (POSTHUMOUS) TO THOMAS M. CARR

Major Thomas M. Carr distinguished himself in the performance of outstanding serv-

ice to the United States while assigned to the 93rd Fighter Squadron, Homestead Air Reserve Station, Florida, from 21 August 1995 to 12 September 1998. During this period, the outstanding professional skill, leadership and ceaseless efforts of Major Carr facilitated two major overseas deployments, three live weapons deployments, one Operational Readiness Inspection and an expeditious conversion from the F-16A to the F-16C aircraft. As the Squadron Weapons Officer, Major Carr continually pushed his unit's readiness higher through comprehensive academic and aerial instruction. Hand-picked for the United States Air Force Weapons School, he was praised by his commander for his outstanding leadership as senior ranking officer and role model for his class. His extensive efforts in preparation for the unit's combat deployments in support of Operation Northern Watch ensured the success of this highly visible major contingency reflected a distinctively genuine concern for his fellow warriors and he established the standard for all of those who selflessly dedicate their lives in the service of the United States Air Force. Major Carr was the epitome of the citizen aviator. His career reflected a distinctively genuine concern for his fellow warriors and he established the standard for all of those who selflessly dedicate their lives in the service of the United States Air Force. Major Carr upheld the finest qualities and the highest traditions of a combat aviator. He sacrificed his life in the defense of his nation, and in the name of freedom.

THE TALIBAN: PROTECTORS OF  
TERRORISTS, PRODUCERS OF  
DRUGS, H. CON. RES. 336

### HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 8, 1998*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing H. Con. Res. 336, legislation condemning the Taliban regime and supporting a broad based government in Afghanistan.

The attacks on our embassies in Nairobi and Dar es-Salaam that left 254 dead including 12 Americans and over 5,000 injured reflect the failure of U.S. policymakers to confront a new kind of warfare and a new kind of adversary, one that draws its power from a convergence of the destructive tactics of international terrorism and radical Muslim extremism with one of the world's largest heroin empires.

This is a war, not between Islam and the United States, but between a small but growing army of religious fanatics who want to undermine the West and radicalize the Islamic world by overthrowing moderate Islamic governments.

We are in this predicament because the Clinton administration has failed to distinguish between those who are devout Muslims and those who use Islam as a rallying point to attack both the West and those who do not subscribe to their interpretation of the Koran.

Perhaps the most dangerous example of this lack of distinction is found in the administration's attitude toward the Taliban regime of Afghanistan, the principal protectors of Osama bin Ladin.

As the Taliban has extended its sway over Afghanistan, it has grown increasingly extremist and anti-Western, its leaders proclaiming that virtually every aspect of Western culture violates their version of Islam.